

# **SMALL LOST TIMBER SALE**

April 21, 2008 Land Board

This project is the third of four timber sales proposed under the Three Creeks EIS.

## **Location of Sale:**

- Swan Unit (NWLO) – Approximately 7 air miles south of Swan Lake, Montana
- Lake County – Section 4 T24N, R17W
- 100% Common School Trust.

## **Sale Volume & Estimated Value:**

- The estimated volume is 1,384 tons (258 MBF) with an estimated minimum value of \$30,171.20 or \$21.80/ton.
- In addition to the stumpage value, a fee of \$5.09/ton for Forest Improvement will be charged for all merchantable sawlog timber harvested.
- 5.36 tons/MBF is the estimated conversion factor.

## **Sale & Harvest Treatments:**

- The sale consists of one harvest unit totaling 15 acres.
- Silvicultural prescriptions include:
  - 15 acres of seed tree. Seed tree harvesting would leave 6 – 8 medium to large trees per acre.
- A minimum of 2 large snags and 2 large snag recruits per acre would be retained in each harvest unit.
- Healthy western white pine, ponderosa pine, western larch, and Douglas-fir would be favored for retention throughout the unit.
- This sale treats 15 acres of old growth. Post-harvest, this unit will not meet old growth criteria.
- All regeneration (seed tree) harvest treatments are designed to:
  - address insect and disease issues;
  - promote appropriate species composition and desired future conditions;
  - balance revenue recovery with environmental considerations such as wildlife habitat, watershed health, and soil stability.

## **Harvest Systems:**

- 100% tractor

## **Road Construction:**

- No road construction.

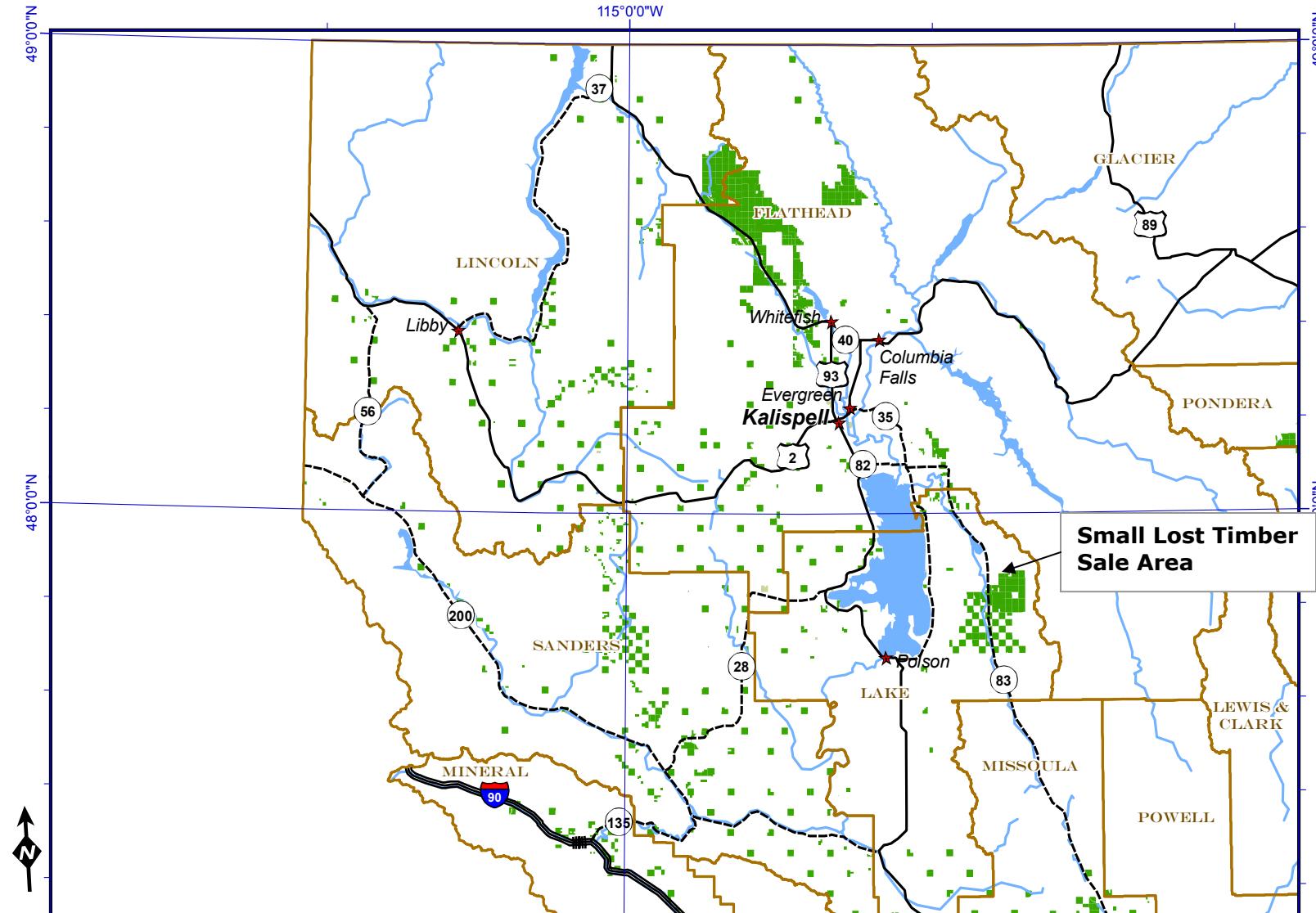
## **Public Involvement & Issues:**

The public involvement process and the associated issues for this sale have been addressed in the Three Creeks FEIS and discussed in the previous two Three Creeks timber sale agenda items.

**The Director recommends the Land Board direct the Department to sell the Lost in Space Timber Sale.**

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Attachment A  
Vicinity Map



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Small Lost Timber Sale  
Swan River State Forest  
Project Area Map  
Attachment A

